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SUBJECT: MILITARY SALES: RF COMMUNICATIONS

REF: TRIPOLI 712

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DEPTOFF JUNE 7, REPS OF RF COMMUNICATIONS SAID DOLS. 12-14 MILLION SALE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT TO LARG WAS NOW " ON BACK BURNER". TOTAL COST HAD BEEN HIGHER THAN LIBYAN OFFICIALS EXPECTED. THEY GAVE IMPRESSION THEY WOULD SEEK OTHER OFFERS FOR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT, RE- EVALUATE REQUIREMENTS, AND LET COMPANY KNOW.

2. COMPANY REPS SAID EQUIPMENT WOULD BE LARGELY TO REPLACE EXISTING TEN YEAR OLD HF COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM USED FOR BOTH CIVILIAN MILITARY PURPOSES. IT WOULD BE FOR FIXED POINT TO POINT COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN LIBYA AND IN PART IS EXPECTED TO FILL GAP PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF MICROWAVE RELAY SYSTEM FOR WHICH CONTRACTS RECENTLY AWARDED.

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3. COMPANY REPS SAID MOST OF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IS NOT SUBJECT TO MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES. THEY SAID ONLY RF 301 SSB TRANSCEIVERS OF TYPE ALREADY SOLD LIBYA AND SPECIAL ANTENNA COUPLERS IN PRESENTLY PROPOSED PACKAGE WOULD REQUIRE MC LICENSES. OTHER EQUIPMENT WOULD REQUIRE COMMERCE DEPT LICENSES.

4. WE PLAN INFORM COMPANY THAT SUBJECT TO CHANGES IN PACKAGE AS DESCRIBED OR DRASTIC CHANGES IN AREA POLITICAL CONDITIONS, WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A SALE. RUSH

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